

SENATE BILL 3018

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-108, relative to the select oversight committee on corrections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-108, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) When a bill is introduced in the general assembly that will impact or potentially impact upon any area within the scope of review of the committee, committee staff, at the direction of the chair, shall identify such bill for review. For purposes of participating in the discussions and comments of the committee, the chair or the chair's designee of the appropriate standing committee shall be notified of the date, time, and location where the committee will meet to review legislation and such chair or the chair's designee may become an ex officio member of the committee when such legislation is considered by the committee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-108, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) In order to efficiently execute the duties set out in this chapter, the committee shall review all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a) and may attach committee comments to such bill prior to its consideration by the appropriate standing committee. The sole purpose of review by the committee shall be to assist the standing committee in its consideration of correction-related legislation by providing appropriate background information on the bill or information concerning the impact of the bill on the correction system. The committee shall make no recommendation concerning the passage of a bill it reviews nor shall it have the authority to prevent the consideration of the bill by the

standing committee to which it is referred. The committee's review of all bills identified pursuant to subsection (a) shall be completed and the notification required in subsection (c) returned to the chair of the appropriate standing committee no later than four (4) weeks after the later of the dates adopted by the house of representatives or the senate for cutting off the introduction of new bills.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.